Rastogi Committee on Corruption in KVS

1042. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rastogi Committee set up in 1998 by the Ministry to look into the allegations of corruption in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan by/at the instance of Ministers has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details of its findings; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) The Ministry set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Krishna Gopal Rastogi in July, 1998 to inquire into the allegations of administrative and financial irregularities against authorities of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. The Committee has since submitted its report and the same is under the consideration of the Government.

Establishment of rural libraries

1043. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme for establishment of rural libraries continues to be implemented; and

(b) if so, the number of libraries established so far under the scheme in different States and the amount of assistance given for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH): (a) Government of India through Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF) implements various schemes for the public libraries, including those situated in rural areas.

(b) Assistance is available for acquisition of books, the extension of library facilities and modernisation. According to the information provided by RRRLF 6972 rural libraries were assisted under various schemes operated by it. The assistance to these libraries was of the order of Rs. 381.12 lakhs in the year 1998-99.